

vocational literacy. Scholarships are available to graduating seniors who wish to continue their education.

TPS incorporates a behavioral management tool known as the Peer Incentive Program (PIP). The PIP is designed to bring positive changes in behavior and attitude in the students. It is believed that when students can see the immediate consequences of their behavior, and when they know in advance how behavior will be treated, they will become more responsible for their own behavior.

The 28 cottages on the TPS campus each house 12 students. Assignments are made based on age, grade, sex, and space availability. Childcare workers provide supervision. Since all students at the school are residential, efforts are made to integrate the student's education, social, and family life.

In FY98-99, TPS received an award from the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) for not having any unsportsmanlike conduct incidents during 1998-99.

#### Youth Development Centers

Youth Development Centers are state operated, hardware-secure, residential facilities that provide treatment for delinquent youth. The Department's four Youth Development Centers provide secure treatment programs for delinquent youth ages twelve to nineteen. All students participate in a classification and orientation program. Based on the results of this evaluation, an individualized program plan (IPP) is developed for each child. Objectives are developed to assist in the development of skills that allow the student to move to a less restrictive setting as soon as possible.

A full program of education, vocational skills, medical services, recreational programs, self-help, and independent living skills is provided. Specialty services include therapy for a broad range of needs, alcohol and drug programs, speech therapy, dental care and behavior management. Students are prepared for release through planning with staff.